

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to our young people; and

**WHEREAS,** of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, approximately 13 million are in child care at least part time, and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of after school care; and

**WHEREAS,** quality child care facilities and child care providers help ensure the well-being and success of young people throughout South Carolina and the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2007 observance of Provider Appreciation Day calls attention to the importance of high quality child care services while honoring providers for their dedication to our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2007, as

### PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of quality childhood services on the development of the children of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**